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Biography

Larry Wagenaar was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1962, of Dutch immigrant parents (Cornelius Wagenaar, Mary Blom). After graduating from both Holland Christian High School (1980) and Hope College (BA, 1987), Wagenaar attended Kent State University and received an MA in History in 1989. Wagenaar served as the director of the Joint Archives of Holland from 1988 until July 2001, when he took the position of Executive Director of the Historical Society of Michigan. He has served on boards for various professional historical groups both in the state of Michigan and beyond. He has served as president of the Michigan Archival Association and the Historical Society of Michigan, as a board member of the Midwest Archives Conference, and led several immigration history groups, including the Association for the Advancement of Dutch-American Studies. His publications include A. C. Van Raalte: Dutch Leader and American Patriot, which was co-authored with Jeanne Jacobson and Elton J. Bruins.

Scope and Content

The collection includes AADAS (Association for the Advancement of Dutch-American Studies) materials include two meetings, 1987 and 1991. Correspondence relates primarily to the writing of “Douglas: A Unique History of Community.” Newspaper and newsletter clippings offer background on the opening of the Joint Archives of Holland and Wagenaar’s career in the history field, and an oral history interview (tape and transcript) with President Gerald R. Ford in April 1998.

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